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THE TWENTY-NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

NOTING the substantial experience gained in the Scientific Group, hereafter referred to as the “LC Scientific Group”, in anticipation of the entry into force of the London Protocol, in particular since 1999 when the terms of reference of the LC Scientific Group were amended by resolution LC.57(21), in such a way that this Group would be responsible for the provision of scientific and technical advice in relation to both the Convention and Protocol;

NOTING ALSO the decision of the 1st Meeting of Contracting Parties in 2006, pursuant to Article 18.1.2, to establish a Scientific Group under the auspices of the London Protocol (LP Scientific Group), that would meet concurrently with the LC Scientific Group;

RECOGNIZING the need to review resolution LC.57(21) in light of the adoption by the 2nd Meeting of Contracting Parties of resolution LP.2(2) on the terms of reference for the LP Scientific Group;

ACKNOWLEDGING, in pursuance of the “two dumping agreements – one family” approach, the importance of the two Scientific Groups working closely together;

1. **ADOPTS** the terms of reference of the LC Scientific Group as set out in the Annex to this resolution to supersede those contained in resolution LC.57(21);
2. **REVOKES** resolution LC.57(21).

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- 1 The London Convention and Protocol Scientific Groups are responsible for the provision of scientific and technical advice in relation to the London Convention and Protocol, respectively. Their advice should meet the needs of, and be accessible to, all existing and potential Contracting Parties to the Convention and Protocol and the broad range of stakeholders, recognizing their social, cultural and economic diversity.
- 2 The specific Terms of Reference for the London Convention Scientific Group are:
 - .1 to respond to specific requests from the Consultative Meeting for scientific and technical advice on matters related to the Convention and the Protocol;
 - .2 to keep under continuing review the provisions of the Annexes to the Convention and the Protocol and to recommend to the Consultative Meeting such changes as may be appropriate;
 - .3 to identify information sources and to review relevant scientific information, particularly that arising from new scientific and technological developments;
 - .4 to consider developments in waste management, source control, clean production, monitoring and surveillance techniques and to prepare reports and recommendations, as appropriate;
 - .5 to evaluate the scientific and technical aspects of dumping, monitoring and other assessment reports including the scientific and technical aspects of compliance submitted by Contracting Parties, and to advise the Consultative Meeting on that evaluation, as appropriate;
 - .6 to maintain an awareness of all sources of marine pollution, and to develop and promote the sharing of technical and scientific information and guidance for the assessment, prevention, and abatement of marine pollution;
 - .7 to identify opportunities for the Scientific Group to co-operate on marine environmental protection issues with other international and regional initiatives, and, to draw the attention of the Consultative Meeting to areas of potential co-operation and, subject to the guidance of the Consultative Meeting, to engage in such co-operation;
 - .8 to recommend to the Consultative Meeting the organization and conduct of regional and national workshops or seminars, scientific conferences, workshops or symposia relevant to the Convention and the Protocol;

- .9 to assist with the development and implementation of, and to keep under review, the Technical Co-operation and Assistance Programme, including individual projects, and to advise the Consultative Meeting as appropriate;
- .10 to widely distribute Scientific Group reports, guidance, and other pertinent information to Contracting Parties, potential Contracting Parties and to the broad range of stakeholders; and
- .11 to work co-operatively with the Scientific Group of the London Protocol in all matters of joint interest and mandate, while ensuring that matters of importance to the London Convention are adequately addressed.

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